

Response Under 37 CFR 1.116
Expedited Procedure
Examining Group 2817
Application No. 10/502,413
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Attorney Docket No. 0115-044678

REMARKS

The final Office Action of January 16, 2007 has been reviewed and the Examiner's comments carefully considered. The present Amendment amends claims 22, 23, 27, 31, 33, 35 and 36. No new matter has been added. Support for this amendment can be found in the specification and drawings as originally filed. The present amendment also cancels claim 21. Accordingly, claims 22-40 are currently pending in this application, and claims 23, 33, 35 and 37 are in independent form.

Allowable Subject Matter

Initially, the Applicants would like to thank the Examiner for indicating that the subject matter of claims 23-26, 30, 33-35 and 37-40 define over the prior art of record. Specifically, the Examiner has indicated that claims 23-26, 30 and 33-35 would be allowable if rewritten in independent form including the base claim and any intervening claims, and that claims 37-40 are allowable over the prior art of record.

Specification Objections

The specification stands objected to for minor informalities. Specifically, the Examiner objects to the language "in the example 8" in paragraph [0051] as being vague in meaning. The Applicants believe that the above amendments to the specification overcome the Examiner's informality objection. Reconsideration of this objection is respectfully requested.

35 U.S.C. §112 Rejections

Claims 27-29 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. §112, second paragraph, as being indefinite for failing to particularly point out and distinctly claim the subject matter which the Applicants regard as the invention. Specifically, the Examiner contends that in claim 27, it remains unclear with respect to which dielectric is intended by the recitation of "the dielectric".

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The Applicants believe that the above amendment to claim 27 overcomes the Examiner's indefiniteness rejections.

Reconsideration and withdrawal of this rejection are respectfully requested.

35 U.S.C. §102(e) Rejections

Claims 21, 22, 31, 32 and 36 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. §102(e) for anticipation by United States Patent No. 6,987,488 to Chang et al. (hereinafter "the Chang patent"). In view of the above amendments and the following remarks, the Applicants respectfully request reconsideration of this rejection.

The Examiner indicated that dependent claims 23, 33 and 35 contain allowable subject matter as discussed above. Claims 23, 33 and 35 each depend directly from cancelled independent claim 21. Each of claims 23, 33 and 35 has been amended by the present amendment to be rewritten in independent form to include all of the limitations of cancelled independent claim 21 and any intervening claims. Accordingly, independent claims 23, 33 and 35 are now in allowable form.

Claims 22, 31, 32 and 36 depend from and add further limitations to amended independent claim 23, or a subsequent dependent claim, and are also believed to be patentable for the reasons discussed hereinabove in connection with amended independent claim 23. Reconsideration of the rejection of claims 22, 31, 32 and 36 is respectfully requested.

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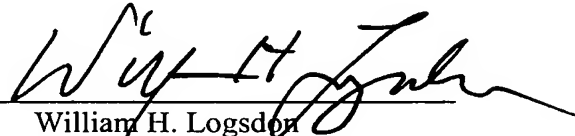
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Based on the foregoing amendments and remarks, entry of the above amendments, reconsideration of the rejections and allowance of pending claims 22-40 are respectfully requested.

Respectfully submitted,

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